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# H. R. 1534

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 1995

Mr. HUTCHINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES OF DE-**  
4       **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5       (a) OUTPATIENT SERVICES FOR PERSIAN GULF VET-  
6       ERANS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES.—Section  
7       1712(a)(1)(D) of title 38, United States Code, is amended

1 by striking out “December 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu  
2 thereof “December 31, 1997”.

3 (b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
4 ABUSE CARE.—(1) Subsection (e) of section 1720A of  
5 such title is amended by striking out “December 31,  
6 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1997”.

7 (2) Subsection (f) of such section is amended by  
8 striking out “October 1, 1997” and inserting in lieu there-  
9 of “March 31, 1998”.

10 (c) NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES.—(1) Sec-  
11 tion 1720C(a) of such title is amended by striking out  
12 “September 30, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “De-  
13 cember 31, 1996”.

14 (2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit  
15 to Congress a report, not later than March 31, 1996, on  
16 the medical efficacy and cost effectiveness, and disadvan-  
17 tages and advantages, associated with the use by the Sec-  
18 retary of noninstitutional alternatives to nursing home  
19 care.

20 (d) REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY HOMELESS VET-  
21 ERANS.—(1) Section 3735(c) of such title is amended by  
22 striking out “December 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu  
23 thereof “December 31, 1997”.

24 (2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit  
25 to Congress a report, not later than March 31, 1997, on

1 the operation of the program under section 3735 of such  
2 title relating to housing assistance for homeless veterans.  
3 The report shall include the number of veterans served  
4 by the program and the costs of the program and any sav-  
5 ings generated to the Government under the program.

6 (e) HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM.—(1) Section  
7 7618 of such title is amended by striking out “December  
8 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31,  
9 1997”.

10 (2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit  
11 to Congress a report, not later than March 31, 1997, on  
12 the operation of the health scholarships program under  
13 subchapter 2 of chapter 76 of title 38, United States Code.  
14 The report shall include the number and types of scholar-  
15 ships awarded and the effect of the program on retention  
16 of employees by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

17 (f) ENHANCED-USE LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY.—  
18 Section 8169 is amended by striking out “December 31,  
19 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1997”.

20 (g) COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR  
21 HOMELESS CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL VETERANS.—  
22 Section 115(d) of the Veterans’ Benefits and Services Act  
23 of 1988 (Public Law 100–322; 38 U.S.C. 1712 note) is  
24 amended by striking out “September 30, 1995” and in-  
25 serting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1997”.

1 (h) COMPENSATED WORK THERAPY AND THERA-  
2 PEUTIC TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM.—Section 7  
3 of Public Law 102–54 (38 U.S.C. 1718 note) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking out “During  
6 fiscal years 1991 through 1995, the Secretary” and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof “The Secretary”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(m) SUNSET.—The authority for the demonstration  
10 program under this section expires on December 31,  
11 1997.”.

12 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS TO VET-**  
13 **ERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE**  
14 **PHILIPPINES.**

15 (a) REPEAL.—Section 1732 of title 38, United States  
16 Code, is amended—

17 (1) by striking out subsection (b);

18 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
19 section (b) and striking out “or grant” both places  
20 it appears in that subsection; and

21 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
22 section (c) and striking out “and to make grants”  
23 in that subsection.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of  
25 such section is amended by striking out “**and grants**”.

1       (2) The item relating to such section in the table of  
2 sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is  
3 amended by striking out “and grants”.

4       **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL CONSTRUC-**  
5                               **TION PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996.**

6       (a) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of  
7 Veterans Affairs may carry out the major medical facility  
8 projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and may  
9 carry out the major medical facility leases for that Depart-  
10 ment, for which funds are requested in the budget of the  
11 President for fiscal year 1996 and for which authorization  
12 is required under section 8104(a)(2) of title 38, United  
13 States Code.

14       (b) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—There are author-  
15 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
16 fairs for fiscal year 1996—

17               (1) \$224,800,000 for the major medical facility  
18 projects authorized in subsection (a); and

19               (2) \$2,790,000 for the major medical facility  
20 leases authorized in subsection (a).

21       (c) LIMITATIONS.—The projects authorized in sub-  
22 section (a) may only be carried out using—

23               (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1996 pur-  
24 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-  
25 section (b);

1           (2) funds appropriated to the Department of  
2       Veterans Affairs for Construction, Major Projects,  
3       for any fiscal year that remain available for obliga-  
4       tion; and

5           (3) funds appropriated to the Department of  
6       Veterans Affairs for Construction, Major Projects,  
7       for any fiscal year for a category of activity not spe-  
8       cific to a project.

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